Violation of Drugs price Control Order

2851. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1557 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1985 and state:

(a) when were the cases of violation of Drugs Price Control Order by Fairdeal Corporation, Pallohman and Selecto Chemical came to Government's notice:

(b) by when penal action against each company will be taken;

(c) names of formulations which Parke Davis and Warner Hindustan marketed under wrong categorisation and when it came to Government's notice;

(d) what is the therapeutic indication of each product;

(e) whether it is a fact that these two companies have also been found overcharging the prices of medicines; and

(f) if so, names of the products along with price fixed and charged for each drug by each of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The cases referred to came to the notice of the Government in 1984.

(b) Action in these matters is on in accordance with the due procedure of law.

(c) and (d) The available information is given in the attached statement. These cases came to the notice of the Government in the year 1983-84.

(e) and (f) No instance of overcharging by these two companies except in cases where Government fixed prices have been stayed by the High Court have come to the notice of the Government.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name the company	Name of Formulations	Therapeutic indication
1	Warner Hindustan	Listerine	Antiseptic
		Pyridium tablets	Urinary antiseptic
		Nutrifil liquid	Vitamin
		Waterburys Tonic	Vitamin
2	Parke	Ferrodol	Vitamin

Drugs under price control

2852. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 189 and 1535 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and 2nd December, 1985 respectively and state:

(a) when were M/s. Warner Hindustan Limited informed that Listerine liquid, Pyridium Tablets Nutrifil Liquid, Isokin Tablets and Isokin Liquid are covered under price control;

(b) what was the price of each pack of each of the above mentioned products fixed by Government along with date and mark-up allowed on each product;

(c) when it came to Government's notice that this company is marketing these products at their own prices and what was the price being charged by them for each pack and strength of each product;

(d) whether it is a fact that apart from these production, the company is also charging their own prices for certain other essential medicines such as Tedral Tablets and liquid; and

(e) what are the therapeutic indications of these products and whether these drugs are covered under price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) M/s. Warner Hindustan Ltd. were informed

about the categorisation of Pyridium Tablets, Isokin 300 Tablets & Isokin Liquid in 1984, of Nutrifil Liquid in 1983 and of Listraine was issued in 1985. Information regarding prices as available has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 189 answered on 18th November, 1985.

(b) Information in respect of the formulations for which the prices were fixed under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 is given in the attached statement. In fixing the prices of formulations given in this Statement a mark-up of 60 per cent on the ex-factory cost was allowed.

(d) and (e) In respect of Tedral Tabs and Tedral Liquid which are anti-asthamatic preparations, the company is charging the prices as per the stay granted by the Bombay High Court. These formulation are price controlled under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation and strength	Pack size	Price fixed under DPCO 1979 inculding ED	Date of price Fixation
1	2	3	4	5
1	Isokin liquid	100ml Bottle	3.86	14-5-1984
2	Nutrifil Liquid Th	400 ml Bottle	11.34	12-8-1985
3	Nutrifil Liquid Th	750 ml Bottle	18.10	12-8 1983

Price of Novalgin Tablets

2853. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hoechst is overcharging the price of Novalgin tablets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hoechst is not manufacturing the bulk drug on which Novalgin Tablets are based and is purchasing from the market;

(c) if so, what was the quantity of he bulk drug purchased by this company during the last three years, year-wise along with source of purchase and price;

(d) what was the bulk drug price on which Novalgin tablets' price was fixed;

(e) whether the purchase bills were verified before fixation of Novalgin price; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Available information is given in the attached Statement.

(d) Current price of Novalgin Tablets is based on the Analgin price of Rs. 224/- per kg.

(e) and (f) Formulation price was fixed based on the notified price of Analgin.